

CHAPTER NO. 566

SENATE BILL NO. 2522

By Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2643

By Bittle

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-302, to create a deer management assistance program and to provide for permits and fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-302, is amended by adding a new subsection designated as (h) to read as follows:

(h)(1) The agency is authorized to enter into agreements with landowners or persons who control hunting access to lands establishing deer management assistance plans. The purpose of a plan is to permit a landowner, adjoining landowners or persons who control hunting access on contiguous lands to achieve deer management goals on the contiguous land through management for the specific needs of deer which may at any point in time cross over the land. Harvests under a particular deer management plan may exceed the normal season harvest in accordance with the plan.

(2) General guidelines for implementation of a deer management assistance program shall be developed by rule and regulation. In order to qualify under the program, the total combined contiguous acreage must meet or exceed one thousand (1,000) acres. Further, a deer management assistance permit must be purchased. Permit fees shall be established by rule and regulation. It is the intent in creating this program that it shall be revenue neutral to the agency and the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 25, 2002



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APPROVED this 3rd day of April 2002



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